

CLAIMS

Inventor has chosen Group II Claims.

5 What is claimed is:

182. A method of manufacturing a device for sealing a toner passage in a toner hopper used
10 in printers, copying machines, facsimile machines, toner cartridges used therein, or any image forming apparatus, wherein the device includes a tear subassembly, a tail subassembly and a perimeter tape of adhesive layer;

wherein the tear subassembly is comprised either of a material that tears substantially straight or a material that tears substantially straight having a tear-guide attached, adhered or
15 laminated thereto;

the tail subassembly is attached to or unitary to the tear subassembly comprised of a material that tears substantially straight or a tear-guide material;

a removably adhered positioning support is adhered to the tear subassembly;

and the tear material that tears substantially straight is coated with a release coating on
20 at least one surface thereof in order to ease removal of positioning support.

183. A method of manufacturing a device for sealing a toner passage as in claim 125 where the release coating is a silicone or silicone base material.

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184. A device for sealing a toner passage in a toner hopper used in printers, copying machines, facsimile machines, toner cartridges used therein, or any image forming apparatus, said device including:

30 a seal assembly containing either a tear material that tears substantially straight; whereby said tear material that tears substantially straight contains one or more layers of tearable layers that tear substantially straight;

whereby a tail or tear-guide is pulled which causes said tear material to tear across the length of said seal assembly thereby forming an opening in a toner passageway;

35 and thus allowing toner to fall through the toner passageway;

a removably adhered positioning support is adhered to the tear subassembly;
and said tear material that tears substantially straight is coated with a release coating
on at least one surface thereof in order to ease removal of said positioning support.

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185. A device for sealing a toner passage in a toner hopper as in claim 127 where said release
coating is a silicone or silicone base material.